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SUBJ: FOREIGN MINISTRY ASKS URGENTLY FOR LIST OF EMBASSY LOCAL  
EMPLOYEES TO ATTEND SEMINAR

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1. LOW LEVEL OFFICIAL NAMED KHAMFANE (PHONETIC) IN CONSULAR  
DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN MINISTRY PHONED ME AT 1430 LOCAL  
DEC 8 TO ASK THAT LIST OF EMBASSY LOCAL EMPLOYEES ATTENDING  
FIRST SEMINAR BE SENT URGENTLY TO MINISTRY. HE ASKED THAT  
LIST BE SENT SAME AFTERNOON, NOTING THAT MINISTRY'S NOTE  
HAD BEEN MARKED "URGENT."

2. I RESPONDED THAT WE HAD JUST YESTERDAY, DEC 7, RECEIVED  
MINISTRY NOTE DATED DEC 4. I ADDED THAT WE NEEDED TIME TO  
WORK ON IT AND WOULD DO OUR BEST TO SEND REPLY IN NEXT FEW  
DAYS BUT COULD MAKE NO PROMISES.

3. KHAMFANE THEN ASKED AGAIN IF WE COULD SEND REPLY  
TODAY, DEC 8, OR DEC 9 MORNING.

4. I ASKED WHEN FIRST SEMINAR WOULD BEGIN AND HE SAID  
PROBABLY NEXT WEEK. I ASKED HOW MANY WEEKENDS EMPLOYEES  
WOULD HAVE TO ATTEND, AND HE SAID THIS DEPENDED ON HOW  
QUICKLY THEY COMPLETED SERIES OF LESSONS.

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5. MEANWHILE THAI EMBASSY OFFICER TOLD EMBOFF THAT THEIR EMBASSY WAS NOT ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT HAVING TO SEND ITS LOCAL THAI EMPLOYEES TO SEMINAR. THAI EMBASSY DEC 8, HOWEVER, DID SEND FOREIGN MINISTRY LIST OF THAI AND LAO EMPLOYEES FOR FIRST SEMINAR GROUP.

6. ALSO ONE OF OUR THAI EMPLOYEES TOLD EMBOFF THAT OUR THAI EMPLOYEES WERE UNHAPPY ABOUT HAVING TO ATTEND SEMINAR. THEY ARE PARTICULARLY WORRIED THAT IF THEY ATTEND A "COMMUNIST" SEMINAR THEY WILL GET IN TROUBLE WITH RTG WHEN THEY RETURN TO THAILAND.

7. GERMAN AMBASSADOR ALSO TOLD ME HE PLANNED SEND FOREIGN MINISTRY MORNING DEC 9 NAME OF ONE LOCAL EMPLOYEE TO ATTEND FIRST SEMINAR. HE ADDED THAT HE HAD BEEN TOLD BY FOREIGN MINISTRY DIRECTOR OF CONSULAR AFFAIRS THAT EACH GROUP OF EMPLOYEES WOULD HAVE TO ATTEND SEMINARS FOUR WEEKENDS. FRENCH AMBASSADOR HAD SAME INFORMATION AND SAID HE PLANNED DEC 8 OR 9 TO SEND LIST OF EMPLOYEES FOR FIRST SEMINAR. NEITHER GERMAN NOR FRENCH AMBASSADORS RECEIVED CALLS TO SEND LISTS URGENTLY AS WE DID.

8. WE PLAN TO GIVE EMPLOYEES ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE TO ATTEND SEMINARS.

9. SINCE OTHER NON-COMMUNIST EMBASSIES WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO CONTACT EITHER HAVE SENT FOREIGN MINISTRY LIST OF THEIR EMPLOYEES FOR FIRST SEMINAR OR PLAN DO SO DEC 9, WE WILL ALSO SEND NOTE ENCLOSING LIST OF OUR FIRST GROUP ON DEC 9.

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